

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT AND COMMENTS

1. This Office Action is in consideration of the interview (Please see interview Summary attached hereto) between the Examiner and the Applicants' Representative on 01 November 2010.

2. The amendment to Claim 11 (see below) is to correct an inadvertent typographical error in the Examiner's Amendment mailed 03 August 2010.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The transmission letter and accompanying Information Disclosure Statement (i.e., IDS) filed 26 October 2010 after allowance but before issue fee was paid is acknowledged and entered.

4. Since the required fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) has been remitted, and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) for the reason to file said IDS accompanies said transmission letter filed 26 October 2010; the Examiner considered said IDS and duly signed Modified PTO/SB/08a is enclosed with this communication.

Examiner's Amendment

5. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicants, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview on 01 November 2010 with Ms. J. Hayes, Applicants' Representative.

In the Claims:

The following is a partial listing of claims replacing Claim 11 in the instant application:

11. (Currently amended) A method for measuring an endotoxin in a lipoarabinomannan-containing sample, comprising:

removing reactivity of lipoarabinomannan to a Limulus reagent by the method of claim 10;

contacting said sample with a Limulus reagent; and

detecting or measuring the Limulus reaction induced by said endotoxin.

Conclusion

6. Claims 10-13 are allowed.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Kailash C. Srivastava whose telephone number is (571) 272-0923. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. (Eastern Standard or Daylight Savings Time).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jon Weber can be reached at (571)-272-0925 Monday through Thursday 7:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)-273-8300.

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